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Dear Examiner Nguyen:

Enclosed are the following: a completed PTO Form 1449 which has one page; copies of the three cited Australian patents; and copies of the Australian Surprize game literature.

REMARKS

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

The Surprize gaming machine advertisement advertises a game sold in Australia by Aristocrat prior to the date of invention of the claimed subject matter. The Surprize gaming machine randomly selects a number, for example a number between 100 and 200, to be stored but not displayed. Each coin inserted into the machine adds a certain percentage to a meter which starts at a value of 0 coins. When the meter reaches the random number amount, for example, 150, the prize is awarded. The meter is then reset to 0. Thus, the Surprize gaming machine randomly selects a dollar amount threshold upon which to award a prize. The pending claims of the present application are distinguishable from the Surprize gaming machine because, among other things, the progressive prize in the pending claims is not awarded when the progressive meter reaches a certain cash value.

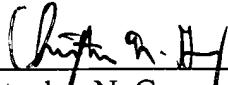
The document entitled “Surprize Software Specification for MV2030 – var 01”, a copy of which is included in this submission, describes a modification of the Surprize gaming machine. The Surprize Software Specification describes a method in which the range of a random number generator is changed during a game play based on a coin in amount (or wager amount) for that

game play. The Surprize Software Specification was developed prior to the date of invention of the claimed subject matter. The Surprize Software Specification, like the Torango '460 patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,592,460), changes the odds of winning by changing the range of the random number generator. That is, the Surprize Software Specification for MV2030 – var 01 (and the Torango '460 patent) changes the range of the random number generator during game play based on the wager made. The pending claims of the present application are distinguishable from the Surprize Software Specification and the Torango '460 patent because, among other things, the range of the random number generator in the pending claims does not change during game play.

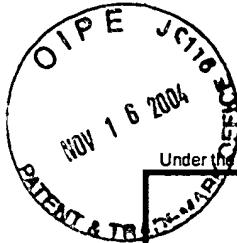
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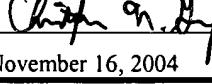
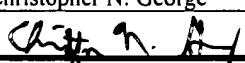
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